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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: US STATEMENT AT 77TH PLENARY,
3/9/76 ROUND VI - TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 110

1. FOLLOWING IS US STATEMENT MADE BY AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AT
77TH PLENARY, 9 MARCH 1976, 11:30 AM:

BEGIN TEXT.

MR. MINISTER

WE HAVE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS AS REFLECTED IN THE COMPARATIVE US AND SOVIET DRAFT PROTOCOL TEXTS. THIS REVIEW SHOWS THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN US. IT IS THE VIEW OF THE US DELEGATION THAT WE, IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS, SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH MANY OF THESE ISSUES IN PARALLEL; A PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD SPEED THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. IN CONTRAST, THE SOVIET SIDE HAS INSISTED THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS: ONE ISSUE AT A TIME; A COURSE OF ACTION WHICH HAS LED TO A DEPLORABLY, SLOW PACE. ADDITIONALLY, IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF WEEKS THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE A SINGLE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUE. THE US SIDE HOPES AND EXPECTS THAT THIS MEETING CONSTITUTES A RESUMPTION

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OF NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WE CAN MOVE FAR MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY

THAN IN THE PAST.

OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES, THE SOVIET SIDE HAS PUT, AT THIS TIME, EXCLUSIVE PRIORITY ON THE ISSUE REPRESENTED BY PARAGRAPH 4 OF ARTICLE VII OF THE US DRAFT PROTOCOL TEXT. THIS PARAGRAPH DEALS WITH PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO GIVE ASSURANCE TO THE PARTY CARRYING OUT THE EXPLOSION THAT EQUIPMENT FOR YIELD DETERMINATION AND LOCAL SEISMIC MEASUREMENTS DOES NOT CONTAIN COLLATERAL CAPABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION NOT NECESSARY FOR VERIFICATION. CON- CURRENTLY, THE VERIFYING PARTY SHOULD HAVE ASSURANCE THAT THESE PROCEDURES WILL NOT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INTERFERE WITH ACQUISITION AND THE ANALYSIS OF THE DATA. THE US SIDE ON FEBRUARY 18 AND FEBRUARY 20 PRESENTED PROPOSALS, WHICH PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES FOR BOTH PARTIES, IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL OF FEBRUARY 16. THUS, THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE TIME TO CONSIDER THESE US PROPOSALS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE DIRECTLY TO THE RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER AND WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN TO AND CONSIDER THE REMARKS ON THE SOVIET SIDE IN RESPONSE TO THE US INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE A SOLID BASIS FOR A QUICK RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE, AND WE SHOULD THUS PROMPTLY MOVE ON TO THE CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION OF THE REMAINING ISSUES WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE OBSERVER ACCESS RELATED TO PLACE AND TIME, THE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, AND OTHER ISSUES. THE US SIDE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE LOCAL SEISMIC NETWORK, AND IS INTERESTED IN THE SOVIET VIEWS ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE US SIDE ON RADIO LINKS AND FREQUENCY.

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